thriving condition, date as far back as the 25th or 27th century B. C. if I remember a-right; and their literature also seems to be one of the oldest known. The description of the court of Lanka in the Ramayana, shows clearly to what a height of civilisation the southern Indians had reached even in those ancient days of the "Treta Yugam."

Coming into clash with the Aryans for centuries and centuries together, it seems no wonder, that the Dravidians should have developed a system of civilisation and culture, quite antipodal in many respects to those of their opponents. To cite an instance of a similar nature from modern history, we have only to look towards America of the present day. Within a little more than a century it looks quite a miracle, how the Americans should have managed to develop within their country a system of civilisation and culture so diametrically opposed in many respects to that of the mother country they had separated from only the other day, that the contrast will appear quite palpable even to the most

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